

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-5 and 12-17 remain pending in this application.

Claims 3-5 and 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as noted in the Office Action. In response, the claims have been carefully checked and amended and are now believed to be in conformance with U.S. practice. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned if any indefiniteness problems remain. A Notice of Allowance on the substantive merits is earnestly solicited.

Early allowance of the application is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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